

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health shall study enrollment trends for children in the CHIP and Medicaid programs. The Department of Health shall assess the estimated relative costs to the state of the current practice month-to-month eligibility vs. continuous 12-month enrollment for children. Cost estimates should also include if possible estimates of increased costs to the state related to care needed due to adverse outcomes related to delays in diagnoses and treatments related to the current practice of month-to-month eligibility. The Department of Health will work with stakeholders and report findings to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by August 30, 2016.